

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 587

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A RESOLUTION to commend Connie Lynn Gray Hardin for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lynn Gray Hardin is one such estimable individual, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, an interior designer by trade, Ms. Hardin has always found time to devote to volunteer work; she is a servant-hearted leader who has given countless hours to causes dear to her heart, living by Mother Teresa's directive to "Do small things with great love," which happens to be her favorite quotation; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin currently serves as the chair of the Flower Guild, a post she has held for over twenty-five years; she is also a member of Daughters of the King and the James K. Polk Memorial Association, of which she is a former ball chair, and the board of directors for both the Estes Fund and the Maury Regional Healthcare Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and valued voice in her community, Ms. Hardin has served on the board of directors of both The King's Daughters' School and People Helping People Together; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her dedicated volunteer service, Ms. Hardin was honored with the Lucille Queener Award for humanity and outstanding service to the local community; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Connie Hardin attends St. Peter's Episcopal Church, which she has served in numerous capacities and currently serves as a member of the vestry; she also serves on the board of trustees of St. John's Ashwood Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout all her endeavors, Ms. Hardin enjoys the love and support of her husband of twenty-two years, Kile Patrick; she is the proud mother of three children, Kimberly Hardin, the late Mary Jenkins Hardin, and Wesley Hardin, and the grandmother of seven grandchildren, Hardin Manhein, Thomas Gray Manhein, Lauren Lea Manhein, Mary McClure Hardin, Annie Hardin, Gray Hardin, and Tate Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Connie Hardin is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Connie Lynn Gray Hardin for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, extending our sincere best wishes for much happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.